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EARNEST, DEFINITE PURPOSE IN LIFE ROAD TO HAPPINESS

Wives of Traveling Men Without Children Are Piti-
able in Their Desolation.

By JULIA CHANDLER MANZ.

Few people realize what life means to the wife of the American drummer. I use the word "drummer" collectively, meaning all American men who are traveling for the purpose of selling goods. Yesterday it was a word good enough for all men; a word in general use and applied without distinction. To-day it is not so. The higher salaried men are "traveling salesmen," if you please. The "muckraker," the philosopher, the scientist, the psychologist and the essayist have ransacked the annals of America with a thoroughness creditable to their energy for data revealing the deplorable conditions of both social and commercial life, delving to the bottom of race suicide, child labor, financial politics, etc., etc., and inflicting with more or less understanding. It seems strange that in the general agitation, the question of the meaning of life to the wife of the American drummer (and her name is legion) has escaped. It is because her name is legion, and her position in society so undefined and desolate, that she appeals to me.

The love of home is innate with every woman whose life has not been dwarfed or comforted by some foreign force. I know of no woman in society more to be pitied than the married woman who is without children and without a home to fashion. The usual, and natural object of life to the childless, houseless woman is the seeking of selfish amusements that "fill time." For this reason, if for no other, she is a curse to society, a stumbling block upon the highway of civilization. The happiest women of America are the married women who have the evening home-coming of their husbands, and the quiet evening meal to look forward to during the day. Women who may anticipate sweet hours of companionship after the meal is ended, whether they are spent at home or at an occasional entertainment. She sympathizes with childish woes and joys, and tender baby arms cling about her neck as she sings the twilight lullaby that makes all the duties of the day seem light. To her, a great joy in her heart that no childless woman can ever know.

Discusses Children with Cold Calculation.

The woman whose husband is absent from home the greater part of the time is not infrequently the woman who discusses the question of children with cold-blooded calculation. She does not, usually, feel that her husband's absence is without her father's support and advice. Or the question is a financial one. The average man traveling for a commercial house is ill paid. In nine cases out of ten he foregoes the pleasures of a home, and accepts the separation from his wife as a temporary necessity that will pay advance to a position that will compensate for the years of traveling, and the sacrifice of home, advance to the management of some department upon which he has set his heart. And in the meantime what children are arising to stamp out his domestic happiness? Early it is decided to forego the pleasure, the care, and the expense of a child. The wife is left alone and unprotected by home ties—as often as other wise a stranger in a strange land—to pass the time as idleness and desolation may dictate.

What right has a man to ask a woman to leave her father's home because he pictures to her in rosy lights the happiness of life, if it is alluring going to leave her to live that life in loneliness and idleness, without an aim or an object to make it worth while? He goes off upon the road with confidence and nonchalance, instructing the woman he has married to "amuse herself" in his absence. How does he expect her to amuse herself, if you please? Her position in society is that neither maid, widow, nor divorcee. She has no friends, no family, no one to go to for help. Suppose she wants to go to the theater, with whom is she to go? Her husband's objections would most probably be quite serious if she accepted the escort of some gentleman friend, yet indignance become tedious in a woman attending them alone, and the evening in the time the well-bred woman must desire entertainment.

Amusements Inadequate.

"Think, talk, parties, and cards do well enough for a time, but they soon dawn their emptiness, frankly before one a more sober thought."

The traveling man's wife has no resort to any evening entertainment, then, unless she accepts the escort of some male friend (darning her husband's probable anger and society's certain criticism), or accepts the alternative of taking alone with some friend, a most unattractive and the most pleasant thing in the world to do.

Still her husband leaves her thus alone for weeks at a time, making her an occasional formal visit, leaving her isolated months of the year, calmly saying to the woman he leaves, "Amuse yourself my dear, and don't be lonely."

The occupations which she approves—empty little banquets—may amuse her for a time, but sooner or later the woman who has no home duties or influences, and who is forced to live without the companionship of the man she is married, will become indifferent to her husband, and will accept some other man's escort and companionship—and in many cases some other man's love likewise.

I men would stay at home there would be fewer divorces. There are, of course, instances in life where traveling for a few years is inevitable. I have met many

women who are the wives of traveling men; women whose lives are sweet, and sane, and pure, but in every such instance the woman has had her daily life filled with some congenial occupation—some definite work.

Of course, where there are children, and the home is kept up for their sakes, the question takes on another meaning. No woman could have a work so beautiful and so absorbing as this. Even in cases where there are children, however, I have found homes shattered and the influence of the home life denied the children in their bringing up. A boarding-house is no place for a drummer's wife, or any other mother to raise children.

But it is the childless wife of the American drummer I am considering primarily. I met lately a young woman who had never fitted herself to earn a livelihood because it had never been necessary. It was unavoidable that her husband was on the road for a few years. He made New York his headquarters. His salary was by no means the best, still it was enough to keep his wife from working had she so desired it.

Found Necessity of Work.

A few weeks of idleness and loneliness taught her the necessity for definite work, if she would retain her mental poise and live for the man who was working for his and her future home. Nothing else was possible for her in the way of work, so she went out to sew, and is now earning her \$2 a day, as well as filling time that would be otherwise idle.

She is a wise woman, a sane woman, and a happy one.

There is a successful studio in the downtown district of Chicago that had its beginning a few years ago in the earnest desire of a drummer's wife to do something, to be somebody. She was artist, in temperament and took up the art of expression and physical culture. She invested a few dollars in study and is now earning a handsome income as well as keeping her life sweet and true and pure.

I could cite innumerable instances where the wives of traveling men have successfully taken up definite and congenial work, and in each case there has been any domestic unhappiness.

The man to whom traveling is inevitable does well to enter with enthusiasm into some plan of earnest endeavor for the woman who must remain behind. That his salary is or is not sufficient to support her is not the question, but rather that an earnest definite purpose in life is necessary to her happiness, her health, and her loftiness of thought.

Novel Place Cards.

Attractive place cards are a good-sized paper doll, dressed in satin and tulle veil, and carrying a bride's bouquet. These are fastened to oblong paper standards as they can stand erect at each plate. Sometimes a figure of the groom is used for the girls, but the modern male costume of a different period. This will not be hard if period fashion books are found in a good library.

Another pretty idea is a big square of chiffon or thin lace, tied in a bag with narrow ribbon and orange blossoms. Lay it upon a table filled with rose petals or rice to be thrown after the dropping couple, then tie the ends so they drop in four points. The ends of the guests can be stuck in the folds of these folds.

Simple cards, painted with orange blossoms or other appropriate flowers, can be tied to them, and they will serve as wedding bells or bride slippers.

Creamed meat of any kind, well seasoned, served on hot buttered toast, with a half, makes a delicious luncheon or supper dish.

Answers to the Questions That Are Asked by Everybody

Editor's Note.—The object of this department of The Herald's Page for Every Woman is to give reliable information to those desiring it. Questions are answered in the order of their receipt, and through the department, unless they involve business firms or are of too private a nature. A few days is required for the answering of inquiries that necessitate research.

An Address Wanted.

You will remember the open discussion in The Herald's Page for Every Woman concerning the thing for which we would ask could we have just one wish granted? A reader offered to tell any one who wished to know how she had brought about the answers to her prayers; how she had secured the wished for things of life. I gave her address to a good many readers who wanted to know how she had just one wish granted. A reader offered to tell any one who wished to know how she had brought about the answers to her prayers; how she had secured the wished for things of life. I gave her address to a good many readers who wanted to know how she had just one wish granted.

Misspelled in Authorship of Poem.

Mrs. E. P. T. calls my attention to an error in the authorship of the poem recently published, called "The Children." The poem is by Charles Dickinson, instead of Charles Dickens.

Anti-Suffrage Statistics.

Nora Hibbert, Milwaukee, Wis.—If you will write to the president of the National Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage, Washington, D. C., you will be able to give you the anti-suffrage statistics you desire.

Face Lotions.

Reader—I do not intend to use any of the lotions for the removal of wrinkles. It is a preparation most parching to the skin. Neither will the other preparation seem to do any better. I have used both, and have not seen any improvement. I will mail you Lillian Russell's instructions for facial massage and send you her formula for a good skin food.

Was He Rude?

Old-fashioned girl—I depend upon your footing in the family of your girl friend whether her brother's conduct to you was rude. If you were paying a friendly little visit to your friend and she entertained you in the general living room, where other members of the family were gathered, it was not incumbent upon her brother to give you his undivided attention. A man should never smoke in the presence of a woman, however, until he has inquired of her if she objects to tobacco.

If, on the other hand, your footing in the household where your call was paid is formal, and the young man in question read the paper and smoked after

SIMPLE NEW LUNCHEON GOWN.

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DON'T THROW AWAY YOUR OLD STOCKINGS

There are Many Ways to Prolong Their Usefulness.

In these halcyon days of guaranteed luxury—at a very moderate price, too—it can be said with emphasis that it does not pay to spend much time darning stockings. When they have really begun to give out the putting of a whole hour on a large heel hole is nothing less than wicked. The sensible housewife prefers to put by the ragged socks and stockings and to buy new rather than to spend on prolonging the life of a couple of pairs for two more wearings. The time that would suffice to make new outing shirt or simple tailored waist.

But there is no need to throw old black stockings in the rag bag for want of ways to use them. First of all, a well worn black sock is one of the best things to be had for use in stuffing of dark clothes with household ammonia or other cleaning fluid. It leaves no light colored lint, and is soft and absorbent to handle. A supply should be always in some convenient place if the men of the household have a way of wearing black or dark blue suits for everyday.

Worn rag carpet is no longer a thing to be despised. Through the winter many home lovers return to the old fashion of sewing carpet rags, to be woven into serviceable rugs for nursery and sitting room, as well as for the furnishing of the summer bungalow. The touch of black is most desirable to set off the brighter stripes, and for this purpose old black stockings cut round and round in spiral fashion or as an apple is peeled, to make a long strip, will be found useful to the very top.

One notable housewife uses stockings in the mop that she polishes the floors and wipes up with, as they are softer than the mops usually sold, therefore save the old stockings.

JOSEPHINE FASHIONS

ARE ULTRA SMART

Dresses for the evening made distinctly on Josephine lines are being introduced by a famous designer of dress in Paris, and the Josephine note appears in some of the day frocks and millinery.

For the evening dress in Josephine style is of smooth white satin, brought in at the corsage with a gathered cord of the material or a narrow ruche of pearls. The décolletage is composed of simple folds of the material, and the sleeves are in short puffs.

Day frocks are in quaint fabrics, such as patterned taffetas filled in at the neck with folds of lace or chiffon, and the hats are made high on the crown, with waving plumes at the sides, and with long streamers to tie under the chin.

Patterned taffetas in a curious chintz effect are also used for empire frocks designed for the daytime. These are with lines of buttons and belts of plain satin folded to the figure. Sometimes the skirts fall simply to the figure with a few gathers at the shortened waistline, but in other cases the skirts are elaborately gauged and ruffled with frayed silk.

TWO DAYS' MEALS PLANNED

SO AS TO USE THE LEFT-OVERS

and cover with boiling water. Let boil for five minutes, then drain, then throw the back of the range and let simmer for three or four hours. The potatoes should be peeled and added about an hour before serving time. This meat may now be allowed to cook a little faster. Dump a heaping tablespoonful of granulated sugar, and a dusting of grated nutmeg. Cover all with a meringue made from the whites of the eggs and serve with a sauce made from the prune strip.

Prune Tapioca.—Cut into quarters prunes that have been slowly stewed, with sugar and a little lemon peel added, and pour over the fruit when cold the following:

Soak a cupful of tapioca in a pint of water for two hours, then cover with rich milk and cook until tender, stirring in, just before removing from the fire, the yolk of two well beaten eggs, a heaping tablespoonful of granulated sugar, and a dusting of grated nutmeg. Cover all with a meringue made from the whites of the eggs and serve with a sauce made from the prune strip.

Browned Flour Sauce.—Put a teaspoon of butter in a hot frying pan and brown slightly, pour in a pint of milk, and beat to boiling. Stir into this two tablespoonfuls of browned flour rubbed to a smooth paste in cold water or milk. Cook until thick, stirring all the time. (Adapted from Good Housekeeping.) Add one-half teaspoonful of salt, one-half teaspoonful of pepper.

A 25-cent soup bone furnishes the meat and soup for these two days. Cut off all the meat you can in as uniform pieces as possible. Cut the fat into small pieces and place in the kettle, in which you wish to stew your beef. When the grease is all out remove the cracklings and drop the pieces of beef into this hot fat. Turn each piece so that it may become seared on all sides. If there is more grease than is needed for this it should be poured out and saved.) Now add a level teaspoonful of salt, one-tenth teaspoonful of pepper, and a heaping tablespoonful of flour. Stir all together well.

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Interesting Series that is Open to Everybody.

RESIGNATION.

(Published at the request of Mrs. R. B. Buckley.)

We see but dimly through the mists and vapors,
Amid these earthly damps,
What seems to us but and funeral tapers
May be heaven's distant lamps.

There is no death! What seems so is
Transition.
This life of mortal breath
Is but a suburb of the life etysian,
Whence portal we call death.

She is not dead, the child of our art,
But gone into that school
Where she no longer needs our protection,
And Christ himself doth rule.

Thus do we walk with her, and keep
Unbroken
The bond which nature gives,
Thinking that our remembrance, though
Unspoken,
May reach her where she lives.

Not as a child shall we again hold her;
For when with rapture wild
In our embrace we again unfold her,
She will not be a child:

But a fair maiden in her father's man-
sion,
Clothed with celestial grace;
And beautiful with all the soul's ex-
pansion
Shall we behold her face.

LONGFELLOW.

Plumes

Ostrich plumes have been on great length of late. Yards and yards of feathers are used on some of the larger hats, swaying and wreathing the brims, on the edges under the crown, and again appearing on the left, reaching high above the head.

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FLAYS TENDENCY TO SPLIT CHURCH

Evangelist R. W. Abberly Pleads for Men to Give Up Orthodox Ideas.

Criticism of the modern tendency to split the Christian church into sectarian ideas was the main theme of Evangelist R. W. Abberly, who conducted a revival service at Vermont Avenue Christian Church last night. Dr. Abberly's plea was directed toward getting men out of the orthodox ideas concerning religion, especially when the old and hidebound ideas have proved to be contrary to the word of God. The subject of his talk was "Loyalty and Love."

"A thief promised paradise" will be the subject of his talk at the church to-night. William Leigh, an evangelist from Akron, Ohio, who learned to sing in a cathedral choir in England, will render a solo, "The Precious Story," which he composed during the course of a religious revival several months ago. Mr. Leigh's singing is a feature of the series of services which are being conducted at the church, and a volunteer choir composed of members of the congregation is assisting him.

Preparations are under way for a men's meeting to be held Sunday afternoon, when Dr. Abberly will lecture on "Manhood and Home." This lecture will be the masculine side of the subject, "The Ideal Woman," was the evangelist's topic last Sunday afternoon.

DR. WALKER LEAVES HOSPITAL

Woman Rights Champion Removed to Hotel Gerard.

New York, March 15.—Although the condition of Dr. Mary Walker, the aged woman's rights champion, was reported unchanged to-day, the patient, in obedience to her insistent demands, was removed from the Presbyterian Hospital to the Hotel Gerard. The doctors fear pneumonia may set in.

Dr. Mary's principal objection to remaining at the hospital was that she could not bear to be "coddled and pampered by a lot of female nurses." She decided she would have a better chance for recovery in a place where she "could be free from sick thoughts."

Another thing she found fault with was that the rules of the hospital required that all women patients wear night dresses. When the night dress was produced on the first night of her brief stay in the institution Dr. Mary looked at it with an angry snort.

"Take it away," she cried, "and bring me a suit of pajamas or wrap me in a sheet. I know what I want to wear, and I intend to wear it. The pajamas were produced and she dropped off to sleep.

ARMY ORDERS.

First Lieut. DANIEL M. CHESTON, Jr., 8th Cavalry, is detailed to duty as adjutant and quartermaster at St. John's College, Annapolis, Md., to take effect September 1, 1912.

Each of the following named officers is detailed to witness the battle practice of the Atlantic Fleet, to begin on about April 1, 1912, and will proceed at the proper time to Hatteras, Va., for that purpose: Maj. WILLIAM J. HARRIS,